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ler (Wilde prize), killed June 9, 1915, well known for his researches in ballistics.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the will of the late Dr. J. William White, trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, and John Rhea Barton emeritus professor of surgery, \$150,000 is bequeathed in trust as a permanent endowment fund, the income to be used for establishing a professorship of surgical research in the medical department of the university. Other bequests were made to the university hospital.

A MILLION dollars will be available for use by the Washington University Medical School, with the opening of the new term in September, through the donation to the school of \$166,000 each by Edward Mallinckrodt and John T. Milliken, of St. Louis. One fund of \$500,000, which will be known as the Edward Mallinckrodt Fund, will be devoted to teaching and research work in pediatrics. The other fund of \$500,000, which will be known as the John T. Milliken Fund, will be devoted to teaching and research work in medicine. The funds will enable the medical school to employ physicians in these departments for their full time. The amount in addition to the Mallinckrodt and Milliken donations to bring it to \$1,000,000 has been given by the General Education Board.

A MOVEMENT has been inaugurated to secure at least \$2,000,000 additional endowment for Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Mr. David Baugh, a member of the board of trustees, and founder of the Baugh Institute of Anatomy and Biology, has subscribed \$100,000, provided that an equal amount is raised on or before June 16. The money so obtained is to be used for permanent endowment.

THE executors of the estate of Emil C. Bundy, of New York, have paid over to Columbia University the sum of \$100,000, for research work in cancer.

DR. JEAN PICCARD, of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry in the Univer-

sity of Chicago, beginning with the autumn quarter of this year. Professor Piccard is of the same nationality as the late Professor John Ulric Nef, who for more than twenty years was the distinguished head of the department of chemistry.

DR. HENRY W. WANDLESS, of New York, has been appointed clinical professor of ophthalmology at the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

WM. F. ALLEN, formerly instructor of histology and embryology in the University of Minnesota, has accepted the position of professor of anatomy in the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, Oregon.

AT Vassar College Dr. Elizabeth B. Cowley, assistant professor of mathematics, has been promoted to an associate professorship.

SIR JAMES ALFRED EWING, K.C.B., F.R.S., has been elected principal of the University of Edinburgh, in succession to the late Sir William Turner. Sir Alfred Ewing, who is a graduate of the university, has been for the last thirteen years director of naval education; before that he had been in succession professor of mechanical engineering in the Imperial University, Tokyo; of engineering in University College, Dundee, and of applied mechanics in the University of Cambridge. His scientific work has been chiefly in the investigation of magnetism and the physics of metals.

### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### PUBLIC HEALTH WORK AND MEDICAL PRACTISE

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: To the statement that no sharp line can properly be drawn between preventive medicine as embraced in public health work and curative medicine as applied to individuals Mr. Harold F. Gray in SCIENCE for May 5 has applied the term "fallacious." While it may in general be true that "under our form of government, it is not possible for public health officers to apply by compulsion remedies to diseased citizens," it is also true that in a democracy a large share of public health work lies outside the field of arbitrary compulsion.